

# Tribal Coordination Meeting

## North-of-the-Delta Offstream Storage

with Tribes, Department of Water Resources, BIA and Reclamation

Colusa Indian Community Center, Conference Room  
3740 Highway 45  
Colusa, CA

December 4, 2003, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### Attendees:

Judy Albietz	Chris Bujalski	Michael Connolly
George Costa	Barbara Cross	Kesner Flores
Douglas Garcia	Leslie Lohse	Ed Marlow
Janis Offermann	Glen Pearson	Frank Perniciaro
Michelle Pingel	Irenia Quitiquit	Michiyo Sakamoto
Sean Sou	Michael Tansey	Patrick Welch
Greg White	Jim Wieking	

**Introductions:** Sean Sou (DWR) opened the meeting and participants introduced themselves. As there were no tribal issues/questions, Sou gave a briefing on the status of the NODOS project. This PowerPoint presentation was also presented at all NODOS stakeholder meetings and can be downloaded at <ftp://ftpdpla.water.ca.gov/users/nodos/pmt/October2003/>. The presentation includes an overview of NODOS work and accomplishments, environmental and cultural resources studies, road relocation/bridge alternatives, conveyance and water source options, flow regime studies, and issues/challenges. A key challenge is the identification of beneficiaries.

Frank Perniciaro (Reclamation) stated that thus far, no consultation has occurred on a government-to-government basis. Reclamation has established agreements with Cortina, Colusa and Paskenta tribes to fund water resources studies. They anticipate a study agreement with Grindstone in 2004.

NODOS Studies and Coordination: Greg White (CSU Chico) gave an overview of cultural resources studies. His work has been on hold waiting for approval of a renewal on the State-CSU Chico contract.

Ed Marlow of Psomas, representing Colusa, suggested that a technical team update for the tribes' recently-selected consultants who will be completing the water resources studies be convened in late January, 2004. Mike Tansey (Reclamation) will coordinate the meeting. Reclamation's role in this project is federal lead and to do the economic analysis as required for

completing a feasibility study. It was noted that the Authority is interested in providing a wide array of benefit solutions and there is no reason to assume that tribal benefits cannot be incorporated into NODOS formulations. Similar to other potential beneficiaries, the funding mechanisms that will be needed for specific tribal beneficiary participation have not been identified yet.

Irenia Quitiquit, the new Tribal Coordinator for the Bay Delta Authority, attended the meeting. She is currently working on putting together a tribal coordination program focusing on implementation issues.

Greg White (CSU Chico) gave an overview of cultural and historical resources studies. The studies involve comparing Sites with the Paskenta-Newville alternative, reviewing the Tehama-Colusa Canal conveyance route; and conducting a complete inventory of the Sites Reservoir alternative.

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